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SUBJECT: UNESCO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. INTENTION OF US MAKE DEMARCHE GOI WAS CONVEYED BY PERMREP TO KABORE AND BOSSIER-PALUN IN MEETING AT KABORE'S OFFICE TUESDAY EVENING. THEY WERE MOST PLEASED AT THE INITIATIVE AND AGREED THAT THEY WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE M'BOW NOT SEND THE INTENDED LETTER TO GOI. BOSSIER-PALUN, PARTICULARLY IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE IMPORTANT THING IS FOR THE TEAM TO GO AND NOT TO WORRY ABOUT MAKING A REPORT BEFORE THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. KABORE CONTINUED TO VICE VIEW OF M'BOW THAT SOME KIND OF REPORT IS ESSENTIAL.

2. THE CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO WHAT UNESCO COULD DO TO HELP GOI OUT OF THE PREDICAMENT, ASSUMING THEY WOULD AGREE TO RECONSIDER THEIR TURN DOWN. BOSSIER-PALUN AND KABORE RECOGNIZED THAT AN ABOUT FACE FROM GOI AFTER SENDING THE LETTER WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

3. BOSSIER-PALUN PROPOSED THAT M'BOW SEND A CABLE TO
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GOI WHICH WOULD (A) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE LETTER,

(B) NOTE THE DIFFICULTIES RAISED BY GOI IN ACCEPTING THE MISSION, (C) STATE THAT DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, WHICH WOULD BE OBSTACLE TO THE SENDING OF THE MISSION, DG IS OF OPINION THAT IT WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH ITS AIMS, (D) THEREFORE, THE DG WOULD STILL WANT THE MISSION TO BE RECEIVED. THIS, HOPEFULLY, WOULD PROVOKE A POSITIVE REPLY AND PUT THE RISK ON UNESCO IN SENDING THE TEAM UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.

4. COMMENT: AS M'BOW IS HIS OWN MASTER, IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL NOT HEED THIS ADVICE. STILL PROSPECTS ARE CERTAINLY GOOD THAT M'BOW WILL NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WILL CLOSE THE DOOR TO CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS.
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